



The Informer

To all Georgia Jail Association Members:

Greetings, everyone!

Your GJA board met in January, and some wonderful information was shared by all. First, Governor Sonny Perdue has announced an initiative to relieve local jails of the burden of housing state inmates. DOC will fill their facilities to as much as 125 percent capacity in a push to receive as many state inmates currently housed in local jails as they possibly can. The Board also agreed to add a new annual GJA award for Trainer of the Year. Certified instructors and on-the-job training officers will be eligible for the award. Keep checking www.gjaonline.com for the specific qualifications (they'll be posted as soon as they are finalized). We are also working on a corporate sponsor for future newsletters to defray the cost to GJA. The Board also mapped out the final plans for the 2006 conference. If all goes as planned, it will be a truly GREAT experience! We have some terrific training planned, including an 8-hour block taught by NIC on inmate behavior management (including the NIC Inmate Classification System). Additionally we have tentative confirmation from GPSTC Director Dale Mann, and prominent labor attorney Doug Duer to provide operational and personnel liability updates.

Lowndes County Sheriff's Office has some FANTASTIC after-hours activities planned, including a lakeside cookout (Sheriff Paulk may even be persuaded to have his boat there) and a luau at Wild Adventures theme park. Conference registration will be available on the internet soon (if it is not already by the time you read this). And for those who do not play golf, the afternoon following the conclusion of the vendor show, Capt. Carl Sims (Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office) will have some of the latest pepper ball training equipment available for you to test drive. I do not know all of the particulars, but I understand it is similar to a FATS simulator, only for a pepper ball gun. To get to the registration website, got to www.gjaonline.com and click on the link for conference registration.

Remember that the registration fee includes your hotel accommodation. Fees and registrations should be sent to the Valdosta Conference Center. Check-in will be handled by the conference center as well. Representatives from the conference hotels will be present at the check-in desk, and you will be given your hotel room assignment at that time. There will be a Conference Headquarters staffed by GJA board members during regular business hours throughout the conference. The GJA Store will be at that location as well.

Remember to submit your nominations for all GJA awards. All of us know deserving co-workers and other people who contribute to the success of our respective agencies. Please do not take them for granted. Show them how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication by nominating them for awards that will be presented at the conference banquet.

Lowndes County Sheriff's Office has rolled out the red carpet, and has really exhibited tremendous enthusiasm as our host Sheriff's Office for the conference. Thanks to Sheriff Ashley Paulk and Captain Dwight Peete for your hard work and hospitality. I am looking forward to a great conference, and hope that all of our members try to attend.

Until next time,
Bill

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REMINDER: GEORGIA JAIL ASSOCIATION APPROVES REIMBURSEMENT OF CJM EXAM COSTS

The Board of Directors of the Georgia Jail Association unanimously voted to approve a proposal to reimburse certain Certified Jail Managers for the cost of the Certified Jail Manager Examination Fee. The action was taken at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in Forsyth, GA on October 19, 2005.

The purpose of the Certified Jail Manager Reimbursement Policy is to encourage professional development and credentialing among Association members. The Georgia Jail Association recognizes that one of the many challenges to becoming a Certified Jail Manager (CJM) is cost. Many organizations do not reimburse expenditures for professional development. By reducing the cost of certification, the Association will encourage members to become Certified Jail Managers.

Members of the Georgia Jail Association in good standing for at least two years are eligible to apply for reimbursement. Applicants must be the highest ranking individual responsible for jail operations within their agency and must have applied for examination and paid the fee after January 1, 2006. With more than 159 operational jails in Georgia, the program will be available to over a hundred potential candidates.

The reimbursement process is simple. Applicants that meet the eligibility requirements forward a copy of the letter from the American Jail Association, providing notice that they have obtained the Certified Jail Manager designation, and a letter from the Sheriff or Agency head stating that they are currently employed in the position of jail commander. Applicants must also provide a copy of check or other proof of personal payment of the examination fee with their request for reimbursement. The Association will review the documents, and upon approval, will process reimbursement to the applicant for the examination fee.

The Certified Jail Manager program was created by the American Jail Association and is administered by the Jail Manager Certification Commission. Certification as a Jail Manager is part of a process called credentialing. It provides documented evidence that an individual has been examined by an independent professional organization and found to possess current competency in a specialized field. Certification documents a high level of skill, experience and knowledge in the field of Jail Management.

Information about the Georgia Jail Association and the Certified Jail Manager Reimbursement Policy can be obtained by contacting President Bill Hallsworth at 404-298-8534 or whhallsw@co.dekalb.ga.us or by visiting www.gjaonline.com. Additional information about the American Jail Association and the Certified Jail Manager Program is available by contacting the AJA Headquarters at 301-790-3930 or on the internet at www.aja.org.

Georgia Certified Jail Managers:

Melinda D. Allen, CJM
Brett Hart, CJM
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Gary T. Lancaster, CJM

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Georgia Jail Association

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**2006 Summer Conference
July 9-12, 2006
Valdosta, GA.**

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*** Term expires at end of 2006 conference.**

2005-2006 Appointed Positions

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Melinda Allen, Editor & Webmaster, 770-822-3111
Steve Coker, Sgt. At Arms, 770-716-4718

Promotions

Chatham County

Thomas Smoak—Captain
David Gellatly—Lieutenant
Robert Kimble—Sergeant
James Strickland—Corporal

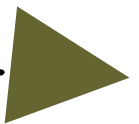
Retirees:

Chatham County

Esau Moore III
Lt. Edward Salmon

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In the News

Georgia Jail Association

Corrections pickup goal may benefit taxpayers

According to the Georgia Prison Commissioner, James Donald, the Georgia Department of Corrections is hoping to pick up all inmates held in county jails that are awaiting transfer to the prison system! Commissioner Donald's goal is to pick up about 2,700 inmates within the next six months. If his goal is realized this would be wonderful news for taxpayers and county sheriffs. Sheriff's lose money by housing state inmates in local jails because the per diem paid by the state to the counties is far below the cost of housing the inmate. Donald states that he intends to bump the state's prison population over the 100 percent capacity by squeezing beds into prison day rooms. Governor Sonny Perdue has included \$45 million in the 2006-2007 budget for 4,400 new prison beds, but most will not be up and running until 2008. This is great news and several agencies are reporting that they are seeing movement already!

News to Share?

- *Has your agency promoted anyone lately?*
- *Do you have a funny story to share?*
- *Do you have any interesting news to share?*

Please email your news to: melinda.allen@gwinnettcountry.com

Or call 770-822-3111

Georgia Jail Association

VISIT THE GJA WEBSITE!

GEORGIA JAIL ASSOCIATION



Time to Submit your Nominations!

**Summer Conference
2006**

Officer of the Year

An award which recognizes the Correctional Officer/Deputy Sheriff involved in daily detention activities; one exhibiting exemplary work performance, spirit, service, and accomplishments which warrant the utmost recognition.

Detention Supervisor of the Year

An award presented to that supervisor who exhibits leadership ability and managerial skills in dealing with subordinates, and has contributed significantly toward upgrading overall detention operation.

GJA Meritorious Award

This award recognizes an individual who has made major contributions toward professionalizing detention operations, programs, or services; one who has demonstrated outstanding performances throughout the year or performed an exceptional deed which resulted in saving lives and/or protecting property.

Professional Service Award

Recognizes a professional service provider (i.e. health care provider, food service worker) who has contributed significantly toward the overall operation of the detention facility; one who has initiated implementation of new programs designed to improve existing services.

Civilian Award

An award given by the GJA President which best represents time and service given to the organization in the areas of membership, planning, organizational efforts, or any worthwhile cause in the name of the Georgia Jail Association

Detention Administrator of the Year

An award presented to an individual administrator for significant acts aimed at promoting the ideas and philosophy of the facility and upgrading standards for a positive change; i.e. availability of employee training; conformance to standards for adult detention facilities; and individual who has worked toward formulations and implementation of new programs; also for distinguished service over a period of years.

Training Officer of the Year

An award for excellence in peace officer training is presented to an individual to recognize their outstanding achievements and contributions within law enforcement training. The award encourages and fosters innovation, quality, and effectiveness.

Send your letter of nominations to GJA, P O Box 1168, Grayson, GA 30017 Attn: Awards Committee

Please remember to list the Award you are nominating the person for and your name and contact information.



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Inmate Telephone Inc.**

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Offender Management System Inmate Telephone System Digital Imaging Mug Shot System

"Weber County transitioned from a single facility housing 300 inmates to a multi-facility housing over 1000 inmates. The DSI system greatly enhanced our transition to the new facilities, providing improved intake, offender tracking and offender management. The DSI system has been a remarkable asset to my staff and the professionalism of the Weber County Corrections Division."

*Chief Gerry Cook,
Weber County Sheriff's Office, Ogden, UT*

Are You Ready For Tomorrow?

"DSI's Offender Management System was our choice for managing inmate data. We were impressed with the original software product, and we continue to be impressed with updates, new releases and software support provided by a knowledgeable support team."

For more information about how DSI's software solutions can benefit your facility, call 1-888-222-3081 ext. 5220 or e-mail us at sbarato@dsicdi.com. You can also visit us on the web at www.dsicdi.com.

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*Donnie M. Simpkins, Superintendent
New River Valley Regional Jail, Dublin, VA*

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Offender Management System (OMS)

Offender Management System (OMS) is a comprehensive inmate management system that puts inmate data within your reach. The system is built on open technology that allows integration with other systems to provide single point of entry, but allowing individual ownership of data.

From intake to release, information on all aspects of an inmate's incarceration are maintained - including initial intake, charges, sentencing, property, housing, medical, meal planning, scheduling, and temporary release to name a few. For increased security, OMS utilizes digital fingerprinting and iris recognition to positively identify inmates, increasing accuracy in inmate movement, housing, release, etc. Plus, built-in reports interfaces with Business Objects Crystal Reports make accurate reporting easy.

All DSI products are created with the direct input of corrections industry professionals. OMS users are invited to participate in our annual User Group meeting, giving them direct input into the development of the application. This input ensures that OMS is the most up-to-date and user-driven offender management software available.

OMS Manages:

- Initial Intake
- Inmate Records
- Inmate Trust Accounting
- Commissary Management
- Gang/Enemy Checking
- Custom Classifications
- Release Validation
- Institutional Incidents
- Housing Assignment
- Visitation Management
- Work Release/Weekenders
- Customized Reporting

*Are You Ready For
Tomorrow?*

Offender Communication System (OCS)

Offender Communication System (OCS) is the most configurable state of the art phone system available in the market today. Through superior engineering, we have built a system that does so much more than simply permit an inmate to make phone calls. Our system was designed to integrate directly into your existing network, giving anyone with the appropriate authorization the ability to access the application from the comfort of their own office. In fact, our phone systems can be networked together to support a complex of facilities across an entire country. Even better, we have built the system from the very beginning as an application that can be managed over the internet. Every function that is available from your desk is now available to you no matter where you are!

OCS Benefits:

- Internet Accessible
- Digital Recording
- Call Monitoring
- Unlimited Language Support
- Debit Calls
- Commissary Orders
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